

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

November 2012

2013 HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PERMITS

AND

2013 ON-LINE SKILLS EVALUATION INCENTIVE PERMITS

- Special deer, elk, moose, and wild turkey permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors that qualify.
- Permit hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader or archery equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons. **When modern firearms are used while hunting, hunter orange is required, except for wild turkey.**
- Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits, and On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits may not be transferred, and harvest reporting requirements established under WAC 232-28-299 apply.
- **For Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing. Only active instructors certified on or before December 31, 2009 are eligible to apply in 2013.** Certification dates will be indicated on mailing labels.
- **For On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have participated in an On-line Skills Evaluation Class in September 2012 AND in October 2012 that involved 5 or more students each. Instructors that have previously drawn a Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit would also qualify for entry, regardless of whether or not they currently fall under the 10 year disqualification category associated with Table One permits. An instructor will be entered only once each year into the drawing pool for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit. There will be no 10 year disqualification period if drawn for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit.**
- **Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only, except for moose and wild turkey incentive permits.** Instructors may use their general season tag for their deer or elk Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit hunt, or On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive elk permit; however, they may also purchase a second deer or elk tag for use only during the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit hunt, or a second elk tag for use only during the On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive elk permit hunt. Instructors that purchase a second deer or elk tag may take one animal during the general season with their appropriate general season deer or elk tag and a second animal during the hunt(s) associated with their deer or elk incentive

permit. Instructors must purchase a hunting license and appropriate tag before they can buy a second license and tag as allowed by their special incentive deer or elk permit. A second license and tag for deer or elk must be purchased through the WDFW Licensing Division (360-902-2464). There is no “tag sale deadline” but instructors must purchase their hunting license and appropriate tag before their special incentive permit is activated in the WILD licensing system. **All instructors that accept a Hunter Education Incentive Permit or On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit must contact the WDFW Licensing Division.**

- Open dates for deer and elk include all general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the incentive permit; except seasons and permits for master hunters, youth, hunters with disabilities, and hunters 65 and older do not apply unless the hunter education instructor selected legally qualifies for such hunts; and raffle and auction hunts do not apply.
- Moose permits are valid only from October 1 – November 30.
- Wild turkey permits are valid only from April 1 – May 31.
- **Qualified hunter education instructors may only accept one incentive permit each year, whether that permit is a Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit or an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit.**

Instructors who are drawn for one of the On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits listed below, accept a permit, and are able to participate in the hunt, will not be disqualified from applying for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits in the future. They also will not be disqualified from applying for Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits unless they have been drawn within the past 10 years for a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit.

ON-LINE SKILLS EVALUATION INCENTIVE PERMIT PROGRAM

Region 1	antlerless only moose	GMU 113	1 permit
Region 3	any elk	GMUs 336-368	1 permit
Region 5	any elk	all 500 series GMUs except GMU 552	1 permit

Instructors who are drawn for one of the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits included in Table One below, accept a permit, and are able to participate in the hunt, will not be eligible for any of the listed Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table One for a period of ten years thereafter.

TABLE ONE HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PERMITS

Region 1	any white-tailed deer	any 100 series GMU except GMU 157	2 permits
Region 1	antlerless only moose	GMU 113	1 permits
Region 2	any deer	GMUS 215-251	1 permit
Region 2	any deer	GMU 290	1 permit
Region 3	any deer	GMUs 335-368, 382,388	1 permit
Region 3	any elk	GMUs 336-368	1 permit
Region 5	any elk	all 500 series GMUs except GMU 522	3 permits
Region 6	any elk	GMUs 654, 660, 672, 673, 681	1 permit

Instructors who are drawn for one of the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits included in Table Two below and accept a permit will not be disqualified from applying for any of the listed incentive permits in Table Two in subsequent years.

TABLE TWO HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PERMITS

Region 2	any white-tailed deer	GMUs 204-215	2 permits
Region 4	any deer	any 400 series GMU except GMUs 485 and 490	2 permits
Region 5	legal buck or antlerless	deer in any 500 series GMU	6 permits
Region 6	legal buck	GMUs 654, 660, 672, 673, 681	1 permit

Instructors who are drawn for one of the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits included in Table Three below and accept a permit will not be disqualified from applying for any of the listed incentive permits in Table Three in subsequent years.

TABLE THREE HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PERMITS

Statewide	turkey with visible beard	2 permits
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- Any instructor that meets Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit qualification criteria may apply for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table Two and Table Three on an annual basis. This includes current and future instructors that have accepted a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit in the past 10 years. This also includes future instructors that have accepted an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit.
- Instructors who meet qualification criteria for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits and have not accepted one of the Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table One during the past 10 years may apply for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table One, Table Two, and Table Three. **A list of instructors that do not qualify for Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits will be provided each year.**
- Instructors will be mailed four color coded application forms, one for each Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit table category, and one for the On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit process.
- **Instructors who have previously accepted Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits that are included in Table Two or Table Three have had their 10 year disqualification lifted.**
- Instructors will be required to sign an affidavit stipulating that they have not accepted a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit in the past 10 years and/or that they meet the required qualification standards for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits. For Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing. Only active instructors certified on or before December 31, 2009 are eligible to apply in 2013 for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits. Affidavits will be part of each application form. **Instructors found to have submitted false information will not be eligible for Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit consideration for ten years thereafter.** Certification dates will be indicated on mailing lists.
- Instructors will be required to sign an affidavit stipulating that they meet the criteria for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits. For On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have participated in an On-line Skills

Evaluation Class in September 2012 and also in October 2012. Each of the On-line Skills Evaluation Classes must include 5 or more students to qualify. Instructors that have previously been drawn for a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit may still apply for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit. There is no 10 disqualification for being drawn for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit.

- Instructor applications submitted for Table One, Table Two, and Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits and for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits will be drawn in late February. Five names will be drawn for On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits; fourteen names will be drawn for Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits; fourteen names will be drawn for Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits; and four names will be drawn for Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits.
- Wild turkey Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits in Table Three will be formally offered to instructors in late February. Wild Turkey seasons are established by the Fish and Wildlife Commission one year in advance. Permits will be offered in the same order as drawn. Each instructor will be advised whether or not their names were also drawn for Table One and/or Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits along with their rank order, as well as whether they were drawn for one of the On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits and their rank order. They will be given the opportunity to waive. Instructors that accept a Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit will not be considered for a Table One or Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit, or an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit during 2013 because they may only accept one incentive permit each year. There will be no special follow-up drawing for any Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits left unclaimed.
- On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits will be formally offered to instructors in early April following season setting action by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Permits will be offered in the same order as drawn. Instructors will be given the opportunity to waive. Instructors that accept an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit will not be considered for Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits or Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits during 2013 because they may accept only one incentive permit each year. There will be no special follow-up drawing for any On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits left unclaimed.
- Following the awarding of On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits, Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits will be formally offered. Permits will be offered in the same order as drawn. Instructors will be given the opportunity to waive. Instructors that accept a Table One Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit will not be considered for a Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit during 2013 because they may accept only one incentive permit each year. There will be no special follow-up drawing for any Table One incentive permits left unclaimed.
- Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits will be formally offered to instructors after the Table One process has been completed. Permits will be offered in the same order as

drawn. There will be no special follow-up drawing for any Table Two Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits left unclaimed.

- Instructors will be notified by mail that their name was randomly drawn for an On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permit, or Table One, Table Two, or Table Three Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permit, and the rank order in which they were drawn by category.
- On-line Skills Evaluation Incentive Permits and Table One, Table Two, and Table Three available Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits will be posted on the hunter education website (<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/huntered/instructor/>). When an instructor's turn comes to either accept or waive an incentive permit opportunity they must select from the available permits posted on the hunter education website. As permits are formally chosen, they will be deleted from the website. Instructors should check the website daily. If an instructor waives, the instructor appearing next on the rank order list moves up one place. If an instructor does not have Internet access they should contact hunter education immediately.
- **Once an instructor is "on the clock" they will have 48 hours to make their decision. All hunter education instructor incentive permit selections must be received via email directly to Jan Ulijohn: Jan.Ulijohn@dfw.wa.gov.**